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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, JO

SUBJECTC: ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

REF: A) AMMAN 4712 (NOTAL); B) BAGHDAD 1405

1. LOCAL ATTORNEY HAS RECENTLY PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH HIS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF INSTRUCTION OF (FORMER) GOJ MINISTER OF FINANCE, DATED NOVEMBER 8, 1976, REGARDING JORDANIAN APPLICATION OF ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL. ALTHOUGH LETTER INDICATES THAT COPIES WERE TO HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL LOCAL COMMERCIAL BANKS, OF THE TWO BRANCHES OF AMERICAN BANKS LOCATED IN AMMAN, ONE OBTAINED COPY TWO DAYS AFTER EMBASSY AND OTHER FIRST HEARD OF IT THROUGH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMBASSY. MINISTER'S INSTRUCTION (FULL TEXT BELOW IN PARA #3) INDICATES NOT ONLY THAT POSITIVE CERTIFICATIONS OF ORIGIN ARE ACCEPTABLE BUT ALSO IMPLIES THAT ONLY POSITIVE CERTIFICATIONS ARE ACCEPTABLE. INSTRUCTION APPLIES BOTH TO L/C'S AND CUSTOMS DECLARATIONS. EMB OFF HAS CONFIRMED WITH GOJ BOYCOTT OFFICER (SEPTTEL) THAT THIS INSTRUCTION IS CURRENT.

2. SECOND ISSUE ADDRESSED BY LETTER, CERTIFICATION OF VESSELS CALLING AT JORDANIAN PORT, E.E., THAT THEY NOT BE "BLACKLISTED", SEEMS TO RUN AFOUL OF 1977 AMENDMENTS TO US EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT. IF DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION, EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO ASSIST LOCAL AMERICAN BANK BRANCHES IN DEVISING ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE REGARDING SHIPPING THAT WILL SATISFY US LAW AND JORDANIAN REQUIREMENTS. IN THIS CONTEXT WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO LANGUAGE SUGGESTED BY "US OFFICIAL" CITED IN REF (B). WE ALSO RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT LOCAL ACCEPTANCE IN PRINCIPLE OF ANY REVISED LANGUAGE ON SHIPPING MAY NOT RESULT IN ANY CHANGES IN JORDANIAN PRACTICE AS GOJ WILL REMAIN RELUCTANT TO GET OUT IN FRONT ON ANY BOYCOTT ISSUE.

3. TEXT OF MINISTER OF FINANCE'S LETTER FOLLOWS: QUOTE:

NO. 8/226/1652

DATE: 8TH NOVEMBER 1976

TO DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMS

TO DIRECTORATE OF CUSTOMS

TO CUSTOMS OFFICER IN CHARGE OF CUSTOMS

I HAVE OBSERVED THAT SOME QUARTERS ARE NOT COMPLYING WITH THE TEXT OF THE CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN OF GOODS AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE UNDERTAKING RELATING TO THE SHIPPING OF GOODS ON FOREIGN SHIPS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE BOYCOTT. I THEREFORE REITERATE THE PREVIOUS COMMUNIQUE AND INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS RESPECT AND THE OBLIGATION OF STRICTLY AND CAREFULLY ADHERING THERETO AND WISH TO ELUCIDATE THE FOLLOWING:

A. CONCERNING THE CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN.

"THAT THE GOODS ARE PURELY OF NATIONAL MANUFACTURE (THE NAME OF THE COUNTRY TO BE MENTIONED) AND THAT THEY DO NOT CONTAIN ANY MATERIALS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES."

IN CASE MATERIALS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES ARE INCLUDED IN THE GOODS, THE FOLLOWING EXPRESSION SHOULD BE ADDED:

"AND CONTAINS MATERIALS MANUFACTURED BY (THE NAME OF THE COUNTRY SHOULD BE MENTIONED)"

THIS IS THE TEXT APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE ARAB LEAGUE IN ITS 46TH SESSION IN THE YEAR 1966.

B. CONCERNING THE SHIPPING OF FOREIGN SHIPS.

THE UNDERTAKING SHOULD BE IN THE FOLLOWING TEXT:-

"THE TRANSPORTING SHIP WHOSE NAME IS WILL NOT CALL AT AN ISRAELI PORT AND IT IS NOT BLACKLISTED."

SGD. MINISTER OF FINANCE/CUSTOMS

COPY TO: MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE

GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF JORDAN
THE DIRECTOR OF BANK
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE UNION OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AMMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHAMBER OF INDUSTRY AMMAN

NOTE: KINDLY INFORM ALL BANKS TO COMPLY WHEN
OPENING THE LETTERS OF CREDIT

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4. REFERENCE TO FORTY-SIXTH SESSION OF ARAB LEAGUE
DOES NOT RING ANY FAMILIAR BELLS IN MISSION'S INSTI-
TUTIONAL MEMORY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS
ADDRESSEES MIGHT HAVE ON ITS BEARING ON BOYCOTT.

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